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Mr. Coleman and Mr. Honker,

I appreciate EPA's continued involvement in the stakeholder process for the TMDLs for Dioxin and PCBs in fish tissue in the Houston Ship Channel and Galveston Bay. Stakeholders are glad to receive information about EPA efforts and oversight related to the TMDLs, such as updates on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site.

I am in the process of planning the biannual meeting of the stakeholder group, scheduled for the afternoon of Wednesday, April 4, 2012. Several of the agenda topics relate to EPA activities and initiatives:

- TMDL oversight
- Sampling results
- Fingerprinting
- Research topics
- Dredge sampling and analysis
- San Jacinto River Pits Superfund Site—progress report
- Relationship of other superfund sites to the TMDLs
- Public outreach, education, and involvement regarding fish advisories
- Future plans

I am hopeful that your staff will share information on some of these topics, in the form of presentations, handouts, displays, or participation in a panel discussion at the end of the meeting. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and included time for EPA to share information. This is the placeholder I have in the draft agenda right now:

1. EPA Oversight, including an update on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits and other Superfund Sites, *TBA, EPA*

I would be grateful if you could let me know if this is an appropriate topic and who will be sharing information. As I mentioned, handouts, displays, or participation in the panel would all be appropriate, as well. I would like to finalize the agenda Thursday, March 22, so I would be grateful for your prompt response.

As you might imagine, the TMDLs are of great interest, as they involve some of the most toxic chemicals, in one of the busiest ports, largest cities, and most productive estuaries in the nation. EPA has an important role in determining how these water quality impairments are resolved.

I look forward to hearing from you or your staff about the EPA's availability to participate.

Sincerely,

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